

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Augustine M. K. Choi *et al.*                      Art Unit :  
Serial No. :    Examiner :  
Filed : Herewith  
Title : CARBON MONOXIDE AS A BIOMARKER AND THERAPEUTIC AGENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, immediately after the heading "Related Applications," please replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/538,788, filed on March 30, 2000, which claims priority from provisional application number 60/127,616, filed April 1, 1999. --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1 to 6 and 30 to 41 without prejudice.

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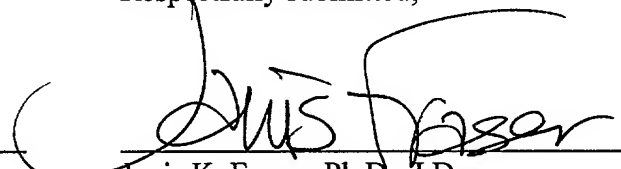
Claims 7 to 29 are pending in this application. Claims 1 to 6 and 30 to 41 have been cancelled. The amendment results in a total of 23 claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicants ask that all claims be examined. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 13681-003002.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Version with markings to show changes made**

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**In the Claims:**

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